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THE SENIOR CLASS
of the
BENSON HIGH SCHOOL
BENSON, NORTH CAROLINA

FOREWORD

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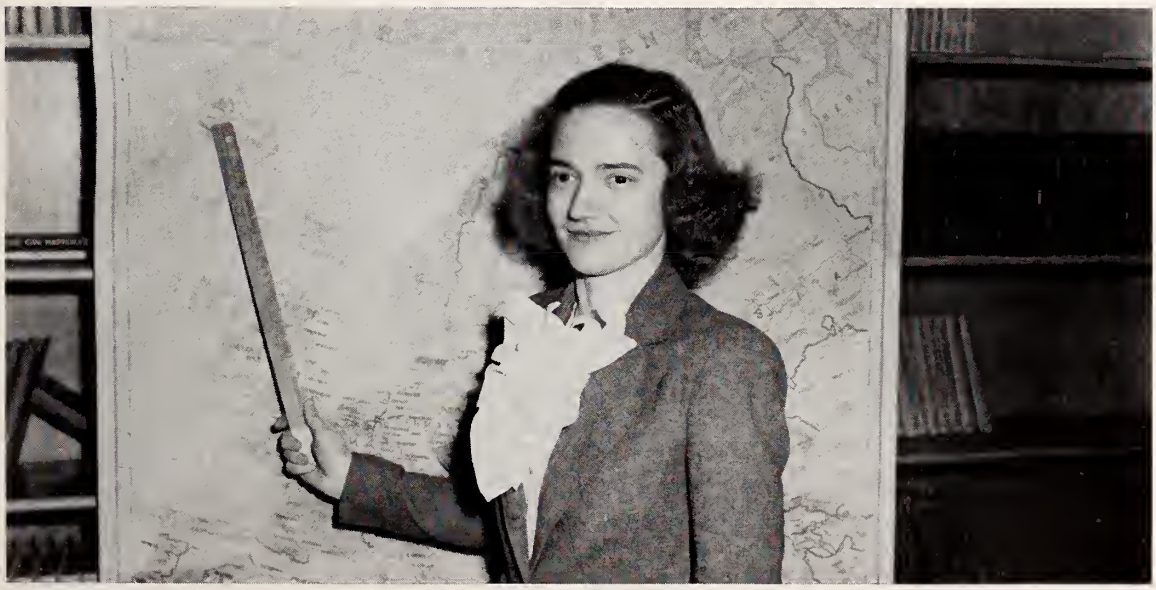
In preserving the memories of our school days in this fifth volume of The Tatler, we wish to extend the tradition of its title to the forthcoming graduates.

The tattler (tatler), a bird, is any of certain slender, long-billed birds; who is especially noted for its loud notes and idle chatter. This symbol designates our title well.

DEDICATIONS

To our principal, Mr. W. J. Barefoot, for his interest and aid in making it possible for us to reach our goal, we dedicate this Volume V of THE TATLER.



To our teacher, Miss Catherine Pearson, for her kindness and cooperation in helping to make this annual possible, we dedicate this Volume V of THE TATLER.

CLASS SONG

(Original music by Joan Neighbors)

United firm by friendship ties,
This we hope shall never die.
For our ship is anchored high,
Here in Dear Old Benson High.
March onward class of "'48"
Your future lies beyond this gate,
Here we tell of all our aims
That in life we want to claim.

And through these halls we tread no more,
As we did in days of yore,
We will still remember you
Parents, dear and teachers, too.
And though our paths be far apart
We ever shall be joined in heart
Always will our thoughts be here:
With old Alma Mater dear.

REBECCA LANGDON

FACULTY

Mr. W. J. Barefoot
Principal

Miss Catherine Pearson
Seniors

Miss Mattie Gainey
Juniors

Mrs. Owen Willis
Sophomores

Mr. Mitchell Nance
Freshmen

Mrs. Shaw Fish
Freshmen

Mrs. Kate G. Wiggins
Eighth Grade

Mrs. James W. Weeks
Eighth Grade

Miss Ethel Gaitley
Music

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The class of 1948 is to be congratulated for having achieved a spirit of unity and cooperation. You have truly been a class of democratic action. Your many class decisions have been made after all the facts have been considered, all the various views expressed and action taken. You have been willing to abide by the will of the majority. This is truly the democratic and American way of life.

This class has been one of dependability and loyalty. You have been a group filled with high ideals and the determination to attain those ideals in the proper manner; hard work and persistence.

You are completing your high school career at a time when our people need to have the true values of our civilization and our American way of life re-emphasized. The things which have made this country great are the worth of the individual, honest work and the great liberties found in our Bill of Rights. It will be your great opportunity to revitalize these great virtues of our nation.

With our great liberties and opportunities there are an equal number of duties and responsibilities. Let us never forget, that with every privilege and right there is a corresponding duty and responsibility. Sometimes, we are prone to place too much emphasis upon our rights without the full realization of the fact that we are not worthy of rights and privileges, unless we are willing to assume the duties and responsibilities which make our rights effective.

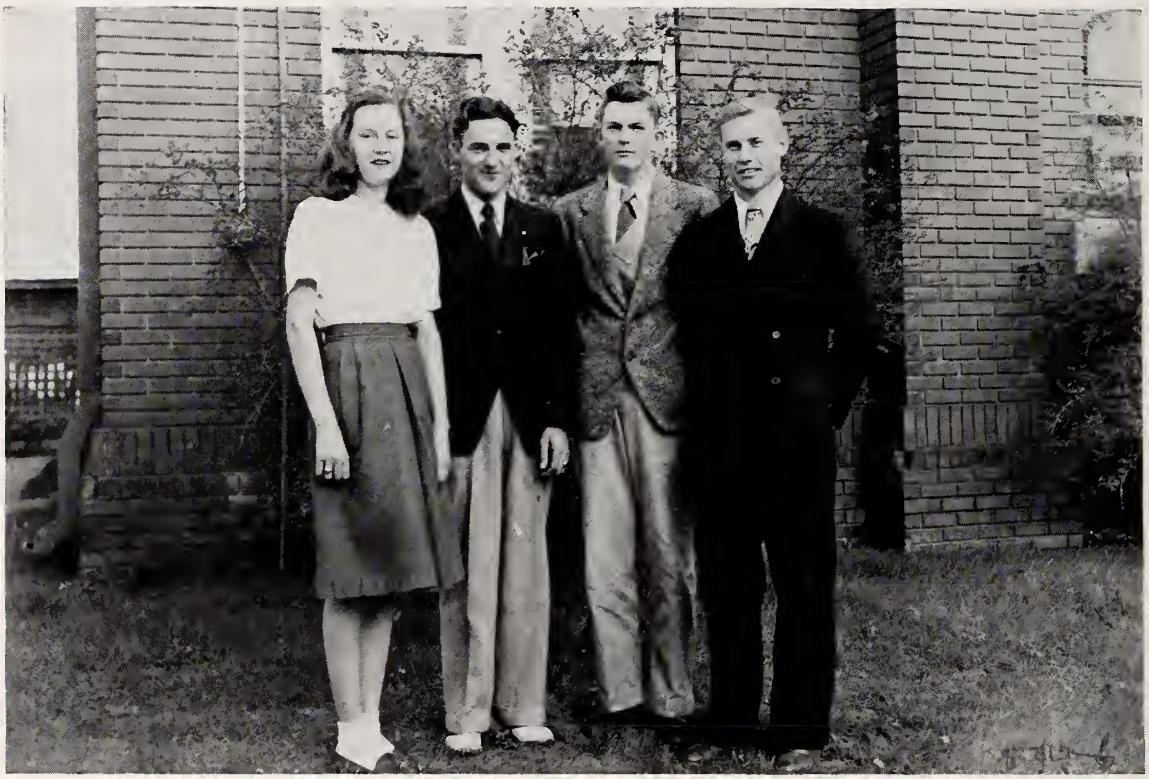
It is my earnest hope that you will carry with you from this school high ideals of service for God and your fellowman.

"Duty is the Sublimest Word in the English Language"

WILLIAM J. BAREFOOT, *Principal*

SENIORS
World's
Inheritance

SENIOR CLASS



OFFICERS

Left to Right:

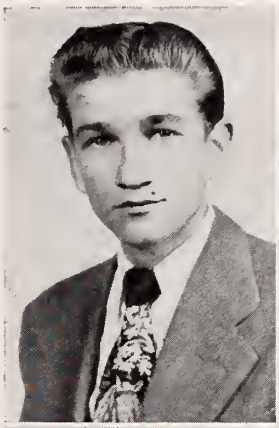
Joyce Langdon.....*Secretary*
Aubrey Hardee.....*Vice-President*
Billy Denning.....*President*
Earl Woodall.....*Treasurer*

Class Colors: *Green and White*

Class Flower: *Red Rose*

Class Motto: *"Our Ship is Anchored in God; We Cannot Fail."*

SENIORS



JACK BARBOUR
"Sandy"

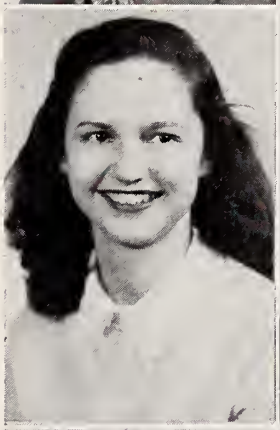
Bus Driver 3, 4; 4-H Club 1.

"Fools rush in where angels fear to tread."

FAYE BYRD
"Mickey"

4-H Club 1, 2; Plays 2, 3; Softball, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Annual 4.

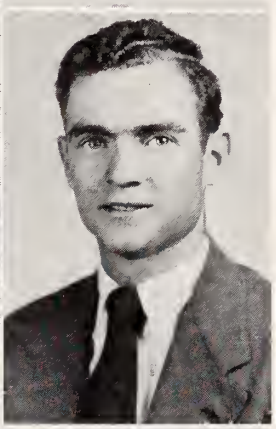
"Give me pep or give me death."



LOIS BRADY
"Pinkie"

Cheer Leader 4; School Paper 4; Annual 4; Beta Club 4.

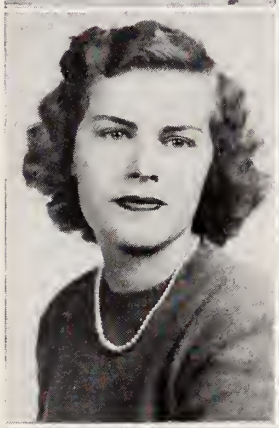
"Hang sorrow, care will kill a cat;, and, therefore, let's be merry."



W. J. BRADY, JR.
"Jay"

4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Bus Driver 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4.

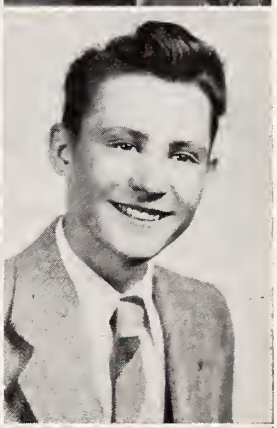
"You know I say just what I think, and nothing more nor less."



MAVIS BAREFOOT
"Mag"

4-H Club 1; Play 3.

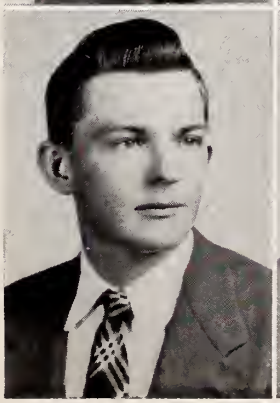
"A kind and gentle heart she has;
To comfort friend and foe."



R. T. CRITCHER
"Cricket"

4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Plays 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4.

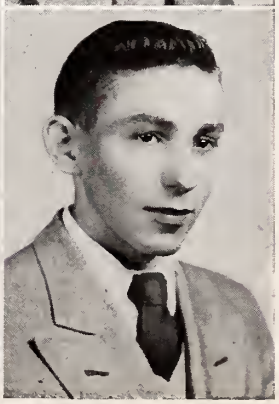
"In his popularity he will become more powerful than power itself."



BILLY DENNING
"Creeper"

4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4 (President); Class Officer 3, 4; Bus Driver 4.

"No coward's soul is mine;
No trembler in the world's storm-troubled sphere."

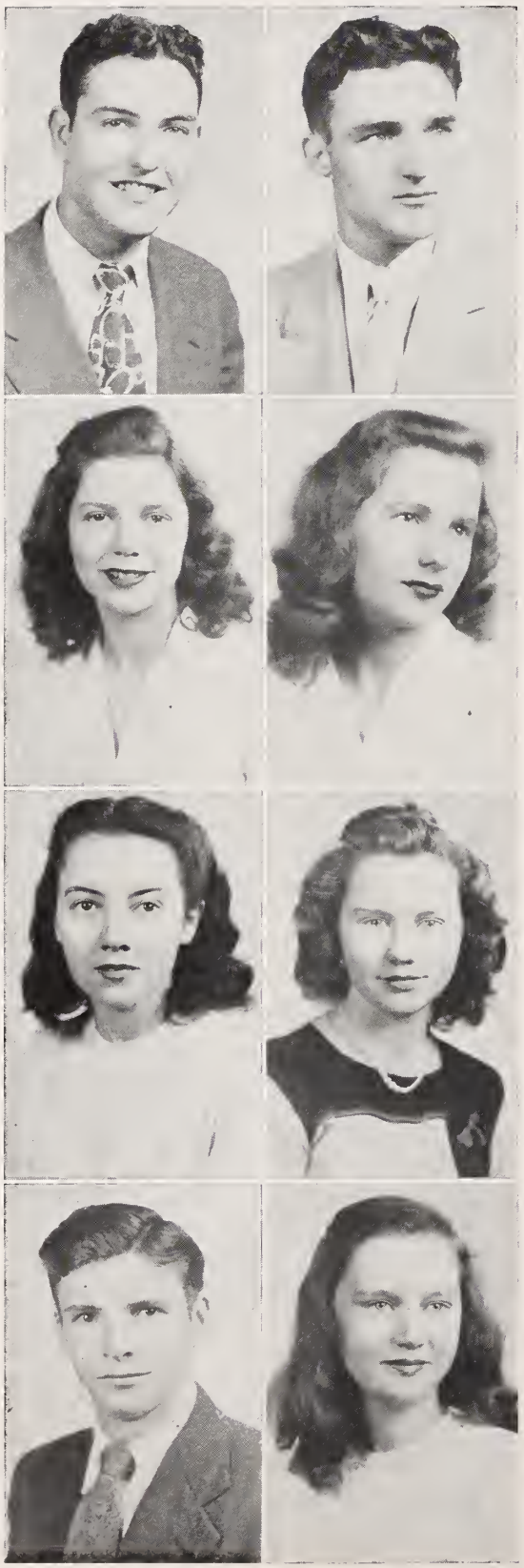


JERRY ENNIS
"Skin"

4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Veteran.

"Every addition to true knowledge is an addition to human power"

SENIORS



MILBY HALL

"Sir Milby"

Baseball 3; Plays 3, 4.

"Leave silence to the saints;
I am but human."

AUBREY HARDEE

"Andy"

Annual 4; Class Officer 4; Bus Driver 4; Baseball 3, 4; Veteran 4; Play 4; Glee Club 1, 2; 4-H Club 1, 2.

"I am master of my own soul."

JEAN HOLMES

"Jeanie"

4-H Club 1; Plays 3, 4; Annual 4; Softball 3.

"A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance."

ALGENE JOHNSON

"Al"

4H Club 2, 3, 4; Annual 4; Plays 3, 4; Class Poet 3, 4; Soft Ball 1; Beta Club 3, 4.

"Life is a jest, and all things show it;
I thought so once, and now I know it."

BETTY WILSON JOHNSON

"Bet"

Beta Club 3, 4; Plays 2, 3, 4; Class Officer 3; Basketball 2, 4; Annual 4; Cheer Leader 3.

"I pin my fate to no man's sleeve.
Have I not two eyes of my own?"

LESSIE MAE JOHNSON

"Babe"

4-H Club 1, 2; Play 1; Softball 1.

"Good humor is the clear blue sky of her soul."

BENNIE JONES

"Louie"

Basketball 1; Beta Club 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3; Plays 2, 4; Annual 4.

"To play the game for all there's in it,
To play the game and play to win it."

JOYCE LANGDON

"Juicy"

4-H Club 1, 2; Softball 3, 4; Class Officer 4; Marshal 3; Annual 4.

"Those about her shall read the perfect ways of honor."

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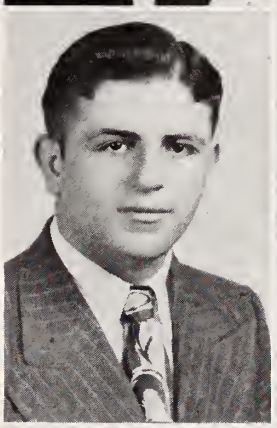
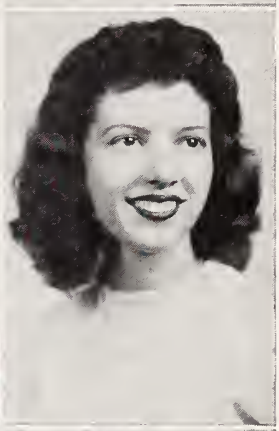
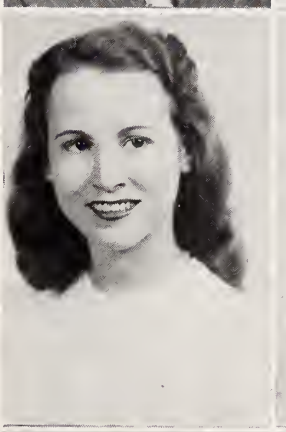
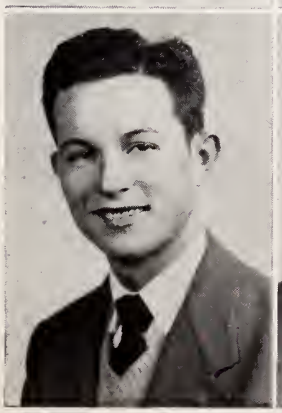
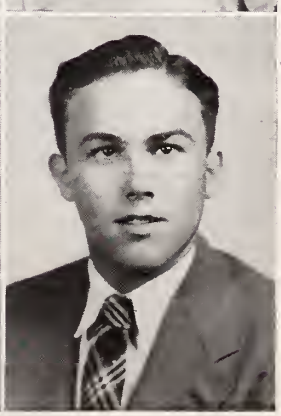










REBECCA LANGDON

"Becky"

4-H Club 1, 3; Annual 4; Beta Club 3, 4.

"Let me fail in trying to do something,
Rather than sit still and do nothing."

ANNIE RUTH MARTIN

4-H Club 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2.

"Rare compound of quality, noble and true,
A plenty of wit and good sense, too."

EDMOND MASSAD

"Ed"

Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Marshal 3; Annual 4.

"A big heart always wishing to do right and to be friends with everybody."

MARGARET MOORE

"Pete"

Class Officer 2; Marshal 3; Softball 3, 4; 4-H Club 1; Annual 4 (editor-in-chief); Bus Driver 3, 4; Plays 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4.

"A sunshine heart, a soul for song,
Love for hate, and right for wrong."

EVANGLENE NEIGHBOURS

"Van"

4-H Club 1; Beta Club 3, 4; Marshal 3; Annual 4; Plays 4; Basketball 4; Softball 3, 4.

"Mingle a little folly with your wisdom;
A little nonsense now and then is pleasant."

JOAN NEIGHBORS

"Joannie"

Class Officer 2, 3; Annual 4; Marshal 3(chief); Play 3; Beta Club 3, 4.

"I opened the doors of my heart,
And, behold, there was music within."

JIM NORRIS

"Slim"

4-H Club 1, 2; Beta Club 3, 4; Play 2.

"The way to have a friend to to be one."

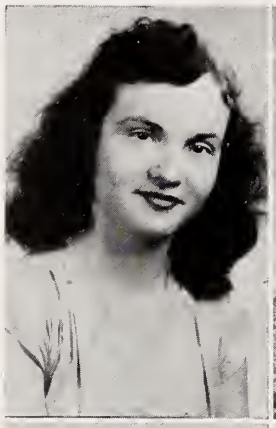
IRA PLEASANT

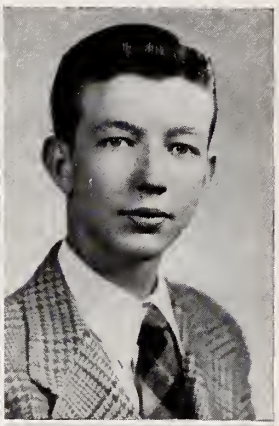
"Bill"

4-H Club 1, 2; Bus Driver 2, 3, 4; Play 3.

"Too low they build who build beneath the stars."

SENIORS





LOUISE POLLARD

"Lou"

Basketball 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Plays 2, 3.

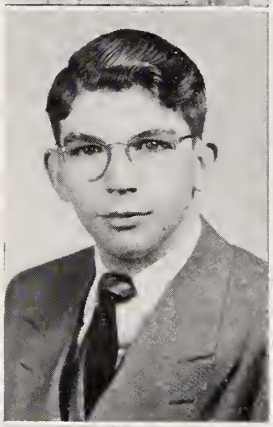
"If my heart were not light, I would die."

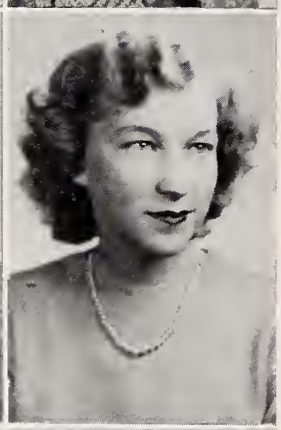
RANSOM RAYNOR

"Son"

Plays 3, 4; Basketball 2, 4; Annual 4.

"Happy am I, from care I'm free;
Why can't they all be contented like me."





JIMMY ROSE

"Woody"

Beta Club 3, 4; School Paper 4; Annual 4; Marshal 3; Play 4.

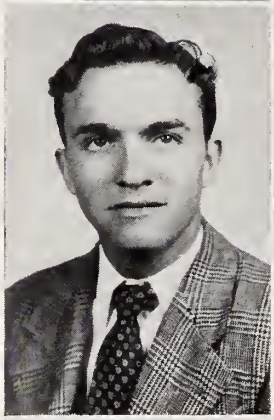
"When he will, he will,
And you may depend on it."

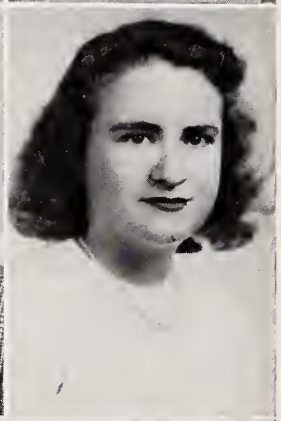
ETHEL THORNTON

"Butch"

4-H Club 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2.

"Long may we search before we find a heart so gentle and so kind."





KENNETH THORNTON

"Kenny"

Play 3; Bus Driver 3, 4.

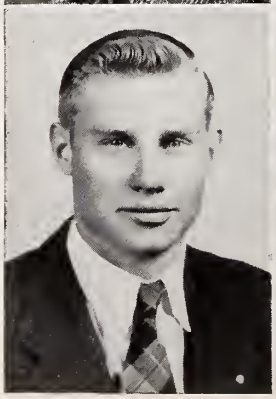
"I'll be gay, happy, and free;
I'll be sorry for nobody."

JULIA WHITTINGTON

"Ju"

4-H Club 1; Beta Club 3, 4; Plays 3, 4; Annual 4.

"She is gentle, she is shy;
But she has mischief in her eye."



EARL WOODALL

"Clem"

4-H Club 4; Class Officer 2, 3, 4; Bus Driver 3, 4.

"Not too serious, not too gay, but a rare good fellow when it comes to play."

DOROTHY STEPHENSON

"Dot"

Basketball 1; Softball 1, 2; Glee Club 1.

"Here's to a girl with a heart and a smile;
That makes the bubble of life worthwhile."

THE TATLER

STAFF

SEATED—LEFT TO RIGHT: Lois Brady, *Art Editor;* Ransom Raynor, *Sports Editor;* Margaret Moore, *Editor-in-Chief;* Algene Johnson, *Associate Editor;* Betty Wilson Johnson, *Assistant Advertising Manager.*

STANDING—LEFT TO RIGHT: Bennie Jones, *Circulation Manager;* Aubrey Hardee, *Business Manager;* Miss Pearson, *Sponsor;* Edmond Massad, *Assistant Advertising Manager;* Jimmie Rose, *Advertising Manager.*

NOT PICTURED: W. J. Brady, Jr., who designed the cuts for the engravings.

SENIOR PLAY

"AM I INTRUDING"

CAST:

Mrs. Hastings.....*Housekeeper*.....Julia Whittington

Blair Hoover.....*The Adventurer*.....Aubrey Hardee

Earnest Rathburn.....*Jane's Secretary*.....Jimmy Rose

Marjory Vare.....*Elder Daughter*.....Evanglene Neighbours

Dickie Waldron .....*A Romanticist*.....Ransom Raynor

Mona.....*The Maid*.....Algene Johnson

Horace Vare.....*The Father*.....Bennie Jones

Violet Vare.....*Younger Daughter*.....Betty W. Johnson

Peter.....*Devoted to Vi*.....R. T. Critcher

Dora.....*A Friend of Vi's*.....Jean Holmes

Gerald Mays.....*Jerry from Sage Creek*.....Milby Hall

Jane.....*Vare's Niece*.....Margaret Moore

STAGE:

Lois Brady, W. J. Brady, Jr., Louise Pollard.

USHERS:

Joyce Langdon. Faye Byrd, Billy Denning, Jerry Ennis.

TICKETS:

Edmond Massad, Earl Woodall, Jim Norris, Ira Pleasant, Mavis Barefoot, Ethel Thornton, Lessie Mae Johnson, Dorothy Stephenson.

MUSIC:

Rebecca Langdon, Joan Neighbors.

PROGRAMS:

Lois Brady, Jimmie Rose.

CLASS HISTORY

It was in September of the year nineteen hundred and forty-four that forty-eight freshmen entered Benson High School. As we trod these halls of learning, we felt of great importance because it was our first noticeable change in nine years of school. Such a complete change baffled us about when and where to go. We discovered the enormous volume of work to be done along with such intricate subjects as algebra, Latin and French.

Behold! Fate takes a hand. Our freshman class had dwindled to forty-three Sophomores. As the service of our country had called some of our classmates, we deeply missed their familiar faces. That year we completed our second year of algebra. Whether we successfully mastered that subject is left entirely up to the teacher to decide. The social event of the year was the entertaining of the Seniors by our class at William's Lake.

We returned as Juniors thirty-six strong, taking leading parts in all school activities, with one more round of the ladder to climb. Cooperation played a big part in our Junior year, and never shall we forget the dear and pleasant memories that were bestowed upon us. Fondly shall we always cherish the memory of our banquet, held in honor of the Seniors. Our Junior play, *The Juke Box*, was one of the highlights of the year.

"Not at the top but still climbing." We could hardly wait to be dignified Seniors, when we departed, each to his own home, for a three-month vacation.

Our Senior year began with a full program of activity. Our class had a desire to uphold the standard of the school, to further our own personal attainments, and to enrich our lives and the lives of others by striving for higher ideals. While we may have fallen short of this goal at times, the majority wished for an inspiration to the remainder of the student body.

Stunt night, sponsored by both Junior and Senior classes was a tremendous success. The production of the Senior play, *Am I Intruding*, was enjoyed immensely by the cast. In reviewing outstanding accomplishments of our Senior year, we claim many happy, worthwhile experiences.

After graduation when each of us goes out into this complex world of nationalisms, involved foreign relations, mutual distrust or misunderstandings, there is one thing of which we can be very certain —the world in which we shall live in years to come will be quite different from the one which we have known in the past.

Jean Holmes
Evanglene Neighbours

CLASS OF '48

The Senior Class of '48
Must soon part you know,
But in each and every Senior heart
They hate to go.
Because they have all learned
To love and honor,
Dear old Benson High;
Cherish of her, shall never die.

For years they have all been classmates,
Their friendship is valued; very dear;
And their merry years spent together
Shall linger throughout the coming years.

But for twelve long years
They have struggled,
To finally have reached the goal.
So now they must part
From this dear school house of old.

ALGENE JOHNSON

CLASS PROPHECY

Here it is the summer of 1955 and the Senior Class of 1948 seems to be gathered on the campus; they are having a reunion at dear ole' Benson High School.

It seems that someone is drawing the attention of the whole crowd I must find out who it is. Approaching the crowd I meet Jim Norris and Ira Pleasant. They are partners in a very successful law firm in New York City. Just imagine who their secretary is? Mavis Barefoot. Mavis tells me she hasn't decided which one's diamond to accept.

There is such a crowd of people. All of the faces seem familiar. Here is a very cute couple. Why it is Faye Byrd and her husband. Joan Neighbors tells me that she is now playing with the New York Symphony Orchestra and the gentleman with her is her husband. He is the conductor of the orchestra.

Someone is coming this way. Dear me, it is Joyce Langdon with a gentleman from Cleveland, Ohio. What is that light? Joyce's diamond. They are to be married soon and will live in Hollywood where Joyce owns a dress shop. Margaret Moore is a very successful Powers Model. As usual she seems to be surrounded by young men. Milby Hall, a surgeon at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York, seems to be trying to persuade her to give him her hand. It seems that Jerry Ennis, a County Farm Agent in Tennessee, and Earl Woodall, a Presbyterian minister in Georgia, have given up hope in trying to win Margaret's favor.

A uniform draws my attention and as I draw nearer I find it is Kenneth Thornton, who is in the Naval Air Corps. He has just completed an extended trip around the world. Algene Johnson and Evanglene Neighbours are Air Line Hostesses. They have just returned from China. Passing by is Dorothy Stephenson and her husband. Remember she led the way for our class at the matrimonial bureau.

CLASS PROPHECY

(Continued)

Well, what is Annie Ruth Martin wearing on her head? Oh, I see now, it is a hat of her own designing. She owns a Millinery Shop in Raleigh. Aubrey Hardee tells me he is the president of the Electrical Wholesale Company in Chicago. His secretaries are Ethel Thornton and Lessie Mae Johnson. W. J. Brady is a well known electrical engineer in Washington, D. C. Lois Brady will be broadcasting Benson's fame as she takes Jo Stafford's place on the Chesterfield Supper Club. Ransom Raynor is practicing dentistry in Dunn. Louise Pollard has found success at the Walter Reed Hospital.

I guess I will never see what is causing such a large crowd because Jack Barbour is telling me about his triumph as a heavyweight boxer. Yes, that is really his occupation. Rebecca Langdon didn't go far from home. She is teaching fifth grade at Coats. Who is that directing traffic on the corner? Why it is R. T. Critcher, who is a very well known patrolman.

There are others in the class who stayed near Benson. Bennie Jones owns the most up-to-date and modern garage in this part of the State. Edmond Massad owns a chain of grocery stores in the South. Jimmie Rose is the owner of a bigger and better Rose & Company. Truck farming in this section has advanced greatly under the leadership of Billy Denning. Jean Holmes, who is inviting the class to her estate over near Erwin, must have forsaken the sailor. Your roving reporter, Julia Whittington, is the editor of the foremost style magazine in America, *Seventeen.*

Now I see what is drawing the crowd. Betty Wilson Johnson, the great dramatic actress, is doing her usual good job of entertaining the crowd.

JULIA WHITTINGTON

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

North Carolina

Johnston County

Benson High School

We, the Seniors of Benson High School, being of sound mind and memory, realizing our superiority over all other classes and that our school days are numbered and wishing to leave some of our excellent traits and talents with our under-classmen and to our school, do hereby make, publish, and declare this as our last will and testament.

Section I

Article I. To our parents we leave our love and deepest appreciation for helping us reach this goal for which we have so long worked.

Article II. To Benson High School we leave our leadership and cooperation as an example to follow.

Section II

Article I. To the faculty we, the Seniors, just leave.

Article II. To the Principal, Mr. Barefoot, we leave the new volume of the French Book III, composed by the French Class.

Section III

Article I. To the next Senior Class we leave a Grade A classroom to be used with great care.

Article II. To the Sophomore Class we leave an ample amount of good, common judgment for their use.

Article III. To the Freshman Class we leave the stepping stones to this goal, Seniority, steady and firm.

Section IV

Article I. Individually we desire to give our virtues and talents to those who need them most and to those who will use them best; therefore, we make the following bequests

Item I. Joan Neighbors leaves her boisterous ways to Nellie Rose Pleasant.

Item II. Algene Johnson wills her flirtatious ways to E. H. Creech.

Item III. Jean Holmes leaves her faithfulness to a certain sailor to Dorothy Jean Parrish.

Item IV. Evangeline Neighbours wills her wide vocabulary to Jake Young.

Item V. To Vivian Byrd goes Mavis Barefoot's date book with one page left.

Item VI. Bennie Jones leaves his grumbling disposition to Verlene Norris.

Item VII. R. T. Critcher leaves to Joan Benton his friendly ways.

Item VIII. Rebecca Langdon wills her voice to Emil Massad.

Item IX. Ransom Raynor leaves his ability to play basketball to George Wilkins.

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

(Continued)

Item X. Joyce Langdon leaves her long hair and height to Linda Johnson.

Item XI. W. J. Brady leaves Judie Holmes in the care of Charles Kay Stephenson.

Item XII. Betty Wilson Johnson wills her love and leave policy to Hazel Ennis.

Item XIII. Faye Byrd leaves her swinging walk to K. G. Raynor.

Item XIV. Milby Hall leaves his funny jokes for Bonny Lynn Morgan to ponder over.

Item XV. Jim Norris wills his curly hair to Wilma Lee Coats.

Item XVI. Aubrey Hardee wills his management of affairs to Joan Capps

Item XVII. Billy Denning transfers his rattletrap school bus to Nowell Smith, Jr.

Item XVIII. Ethel Thornton leaves her short blonde hair to Jane Royal.

Item XIX. Dorothy Stephenson wills her ability to speak French to Mildred Warren.

Item XX. Louise Pollard leaves her carefree ways to Fannie Lou Surles.

Item XXI. Annie Ruth Martin leaves her calm temper to Betty Jo Johnson.

Item XXII. Lois Brady leaves her office work to Preston Allen.

Item XXIII. Earl Woodall leaves his public speaking ability to James Godwin.

Item XXIV. Julia Whittington leaves her favorite "hangout," Butler's, to Lacy Byrd.

Item XXV. Jerry Ennis leaves his courteous disposition to Jimmy Gibbs.

Item XXIV. Lessie Mae Johnson leaves Hoyle's Business to those who wish to enter.

Item XXVII. Jack Barbour leaves his pestering ways to Jerry Wall.

Item XXVIII. Kenneth Thornton transfers his battered-up Chevrolet to his brother, Billy.

Item XXIX. Jimmie Rose leaves his undertaking business to Edna Massad.

Item XXX. Ira Pleasant leaves his loud shirts to Benton White.

Item XXXI. Margaret Moore leaves her pleasing personality to Marjorie Young.

Item XXXII. Edmond Massad leaves his cooperative ways to Barbara Strickland.

This, the twenty-eighth day of May in the year of our Lord, 1948, Benson High School, to be their last will and testament. In their presence and at their request and in the presence of one another, we do hereby affix our names as witnesses thereto.

WITNESSES:

Miss Catherine Pearson
Mitchell A. Nance

Faye Byrd,
Testator.

SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

BIGGEST GRUMBLER

Algene Johnson
Bennie Jones

BEST DRESSED

Joan Neighbors
Milby Hall

MOST ATHLETIC

Betty W. Johnson
Ransom Raynor

MOST STUDIOUS

Joan Neighbors
Jerry Ennis

BIGGEST FLIRT

Algene Johnson
Bennie Jones

BEST PERSONALITY

Margaret Moore
W. J. Brady, Jr.

SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

MOST POPULAR

Lois Brady
Billy Denning

CUTEST

Jean Holmes
R. T. Critcher

MOST ORIGINAL

Lois Brady
W. J. Brady, Jr.

BEST LOOKING

Evanglene Neighbours
Jim Norris

MOST COURTEOUS

Rebecca Langdon
Aubrey Hardee

BEST ALL AROUND

Julia Whittington
Edmond Massad

GRADE PARENTS

Mrs. W. J. Brady, Sr.

Mr. F. G. Brady

Mrs. Z. R. Langdon

CLASS MASCOTS

Patsy Ann Tart

Keith Gregory

Undergraduates

JUNIOR CLASS

OFFICERS

Left to Right:

Jimmie Gibbs.....*Vice-President*
Jane Royal.....*Treasurer*
Judie Holmes.....*Secretary*
Jerry Wall.....*President*

Class Colors: *Maroon and Gold*

Class Flower: *Rose*

Class Motto: *Cooperation*

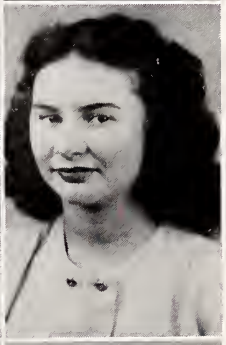
JUNIORS

Mozelle Allen

Hermie Jean Barbour

Joan Benton

Genevieve Byrd



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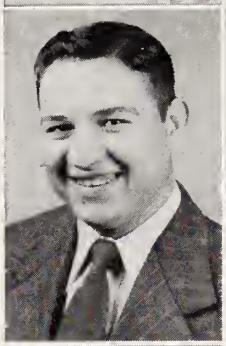

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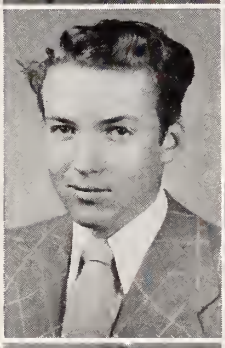

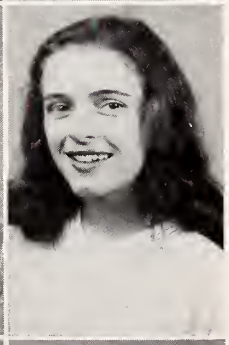

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JUNIORS

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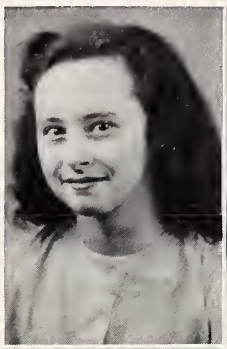
JUNIORS

Edna Sue Johnson

Esther Keen



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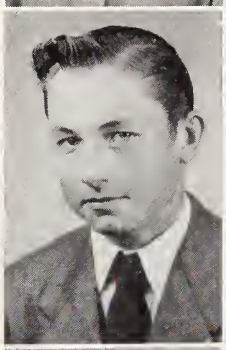
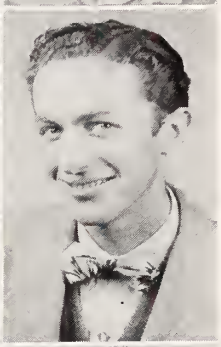
Worth Lee





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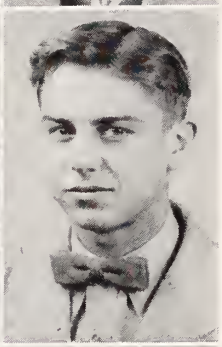
Dan Medlin



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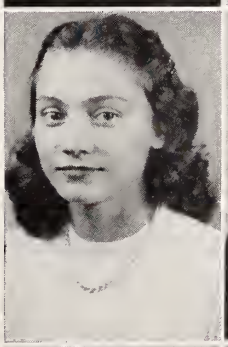
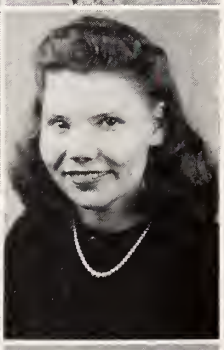
Doris Jean McLamb





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Isla Ruth McLamb

JUNIORS

Lindell Nordan

Geraldine Page

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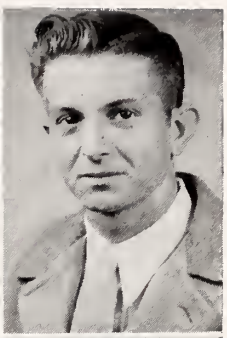
Jane Royal

Alvie Pearl Stewart

Louise Stewart

JUNIORS

Pauline Stewart



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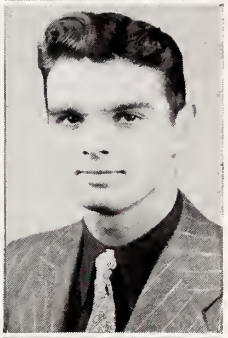

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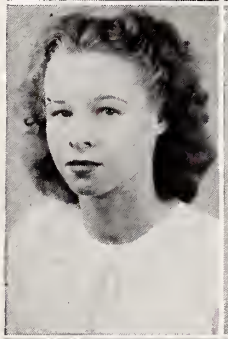

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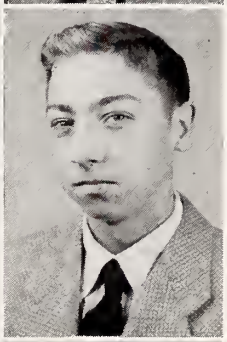

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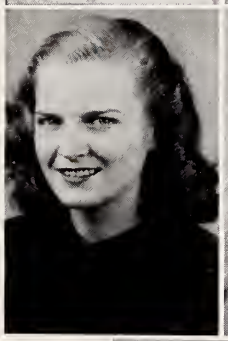

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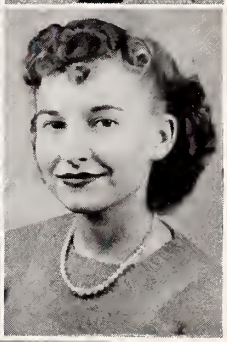

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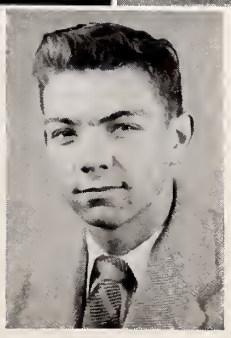

George Wilkins

THE STUDENT

STAFFS

Miss Gainey.....*Sponsor*

Mr. Nance.....*Typist*

Seated—Left to Right: Jane Royal, Jimmie Gibbs, Joan Benton, Lois Brady, Mildred Warren, Nowell Smith, Jr., Jerry Wall, Iswaine Stephenson.

Standing—Left to Right: Phyllis Duke, Wilma Coats, Isla Ruth McLamb, Daisy Belle Miller, Jean Barbour, Eleanor Porter, Doris Jean McLamb, Dan Medlin, Shelton Godwin, Richard Bonner, Donald Capps, Miss Gainey, Mr. Nance, Jimmie Rose, George Wilkins.

SOPHOMORES

First Row—Left to Right:

Ruby Adams
DeLeon Barbour
Laveta Barbour
Vivian Byrd
Annie Ruth Clifton
Gladys Clifton

Second Row:

Donald Creech
E. H. Creech, Jr.
Gloria Evans
James Godwin
Dorothy Hodges
Peggy Holder

Third Row:

Edna Mae Johnson
James Dwight Johnson
Jean Johnson
Katie Mae Johnson
P. B. Johnson, Jr.

SOPHOMORES

First Row—Left to Right:

Thomas Lee
Madie Lee Manning
Edna Massad
Willa Dean Matthews
Darrell Moore
Bonny Lynn Morgan

Second Row:

Ida Mae McLamb
Helen Naylor
Faye Neighbors
Kenneth Neighbors
Marie Neighbours
Floralene Norris

Third Row:

Joyce Ann Norris
Verlene Norris
Alfred Parker, Jr.
Doris Parker

SOPHOMORES

First Row—Left to Right:

Elsie Penny
Connie Phillips
Jackie Porter
K. G. Raynor
Mary Stancil
Charles Kay Stephenson

Second Row:

Eleanor Stewart
Barbara Ann Strickland
Billie Thornton
Joyce Ann Watson
Benton White
Mary Lee Wilkerson

Third Row:

Mamie Wilkins
Rosemond Woodall
Royce Woodall
Marjorie Young

FRESHMAN--BOYS

OFFICERS

BILLY BAREFOOT.....*President*
PRESTON ALLEN.....*Vice-President*
PERCY WILKINS.....*Secretary*
JOHN BRADY.....*Treasurer*

FIRST ROW—LEFT TO RIGHT: Bobby Stewart, John Brady, Billy Barefoot, Preston Allen, Percy Wilkins, Shelton Raynor.

SECOND ROW: Junior Matthews, Doane Johnson, Lynwood Stevens, Jake Young, John Dailey Kernodle, Roy Tart, Rayvon Ennis.

THIRD ROW: Clyde Proctor, Max Barbour, Emil Massad, Sherrill Sorrell, Charles Gilbert, Edward Parker, Robert Stewart.

FOURTH ROW: Richard Bonner, Edward Surles, Arnold Capps, Dennis Woodall, James R. McLamb, Walter Godwin.

FIFTH ROW: Roy Gilbert, Mr. Nance, *Sponsor;* Lacy Byrd, Edward Horton.

NOT PICTURED: Kenneth Grimes, Donford Matthews, Raymond Register, Merwyn Barbour.

FRESHMAN--GIRLS

OFFICERS

Myra Benson.....*President*
Genevieve Thornton.....*Vice-President*
Bobbie Porter.....*Secretary*
Louise Stevens.....*Treasurer*
Mrs. Shaw Fish.....*Sponsor*

First Row—Left to Right: Bobbie Porter, Genevieve Thornton, Myra Benson, Louise Stevens, Lois Barefoot, Shirley Whittington, Jessie Ruth Hardee.

Second Row: Janice Gaskins, Kay Ryals, Sarah Whittington, Mildred Barbour, Ellen Joyce Neighbours, Lourise Dixon.

Third Row: Jackie Norris, Thurma Evans, Edna Earle Mobley, Agnes Sutton, Katie Sutton, Katie Holland, Marjorie Dorman, Edna Mae Adams.

Fourth Row: Vera Vaughn, Annie Lee Stewart, Joyce Ann Bailey, Gerry McGee, Rachel Stewart, Elsie Wheeler.

Fifth Row—Center Back: Geralene Clayton, Rachel Barbour.

EIGHTH GRADE

Mrs. James W. Weeks—*Sponsor*

CLASS OFFICERS

Della Brady.....*President* Betty Lou Bell.....*Secretary*
Jean Clifton.....*Vice-President* Jacquline Blackman.....*Treasurer*

Class Colors: *Blue and White*

Class Flower: *Violet*

Class Motto: *Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today.*

CLASS ROLL

Doris Jean Allen
J. R. Allen
Betty Lou Bell
Jacquelin Blackman
Joseph Boyette
Della Brady
Jean Clifton
Peggy Vann Coats
Linwood Cobb
Rose Marie Dixon
Billy Bryan Gaskins
Howard Gibbs
Sarah Godwin
Annie Lou Norris
Verah Godwin
Kenneth Hall
Vennie Rose Hardee
Effie Della Johnson
Frank Johnson
Janice Langdon
Rayford G. Lee
W. C. Lee
Dorothy Fay McCall
Leta Gold McLamb
T. G. McLamb
L. G. Norris
Billy Ray Norris
Worth Snipes
Therlean Norris
Charles Parker
James Edward Pleasant
Lloyd Raynor
Kay D. Smith
Werneth Stephenson
Peggy Thornton
Waylon West
Alsie Wheeler
Angeline Wood
Faye Woodall
Le Roy Young
W. A. Capps
Margie Holland

EIGHTH GRADE

Mrs. Kate Wiggins—*Sponsor*

CLASS OFFICERS

Linda Sue Johnson.....*President* Mary Alice Ryals.....*Secretary*

Dixie Neighbors.....*Treasurer*

Class Colors: *Blue and White*

Class Flower: *Rose*

Class Motto: *If a task is once begun, never leave until it's done.*

CLASS ROLL

Milton Adams
Doris Jean Allen
Hilda Grey Austin
Lamond Barbour
Mary Ann Benson
Etta Grey Byrd
Doris Faye Carrol
Edith Clifton
Bryan Coats
Robert Collins
Billy Frye
Walter Gregory
Owen Hall
Linda Johnson
Tommy Johnson
Charles Marler
Billie Ann McLamb
June Dale McLamb
Dixie Neighbors
Billy Norris
Joyce Norris
Helen Parnell
James Raynor
Mary Alice Ryals
Nina Snipes
Inez Sorrel
Margaree Stewart
Jessie Pearl Weeks
Betty Jo Woodall
Morris Woodall
Graham Pleasant

Not Pictured: Lois Godwin, Bobbie Ivey, J. E. Jones, Doris Hudson, Lalilan Parnell.

EIGHTH GRADE---*Mrs. Weeks*

EIGHTH GRADE---*Mrs. Wiggins*

Activities
"Shot"
Home Run Juice

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

MEMBERS OF THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Miss Ethel Gaitley.....*Teacher*

Judy Pleasant
LeVonne Johnson
Lucinda Matthews
Cornelia Porter
Mary Sue Bostic
Floriee Johnson
Jean Dale Freeman
Frances Mangum
John Barefoot
Peggy Ann Godwin
Harriette Elizabeth Vann
Daphine Parrish
Annie Elizabeth Critcher
Franklin Watson
Belva Jean Johnson

Lois Jean Clayton
Rose Marie Barbour
Maureen Barbour
Clara Jean Beasley
Ruth West
Patricia Thornton
Clara Mae Byrd
Mary Jean Cannady
Gwendolyn Johnson
Kenneth Johnson
Barbara Jean Woodlief
Dixie Neighbors
Peggy Thornton
Werneth Rose Stephenson
June Dale McLamb
Rose Marie Dixon

Vera Vaughan
Geralene Clayton
Joyce Ann Bailey
Rachael Lee Barbour
Mary Lee Wilkinson
Eleanor Stewart
James Dwight Johnson
Faye Neighbors
Bonny Lynn Morgan
Annie Ruth Clifton
Edna Sue Johnson
Doris Jean McLamb
Nellie Rose Pleasant
Dorothy Jean Parrish
Iswaine Stephenson

"Music is irresistible; its charities are countless; it stirs the feeling of love, peace, and friendship as scarce any mortal agent can."—Thackeray.

BETA CLUB

Mrs. Owen Willis—*Sponsor*

OFFICERS

Jerre Denning.....*President*
Dorothy J. Parrish.....*Vice-President*
Betty W. Johnson.....*Secretary*
Jerry Wall.....*Treasurer*

First Row—Left to Right: Betty W. Johnson, Dorothy J. Parrish, Jerry Wall, Jerre Denning, Geraldine Page.

Second Row: Julia Whittington, Evanglene Neighbours, Rebecca Langdon, Joan Benton, Jean McLamb, Algene Johnson.

Third Row: Eleanor Porter, Faye Byrd, Joan Neighbors, Mildred Warren, Jane Royal, Doris McLamb, Hazel Ennis.

Fourth Row: R. T. Critcher, Jimmie Rose, Margaret Moore, W. J. Brady, Nellie Rose Pleasant, Jean Barbour.

Fifth Row: George Wilkins, Jim Norris, Edmond Massad.

Motto: *Ducamus alus serviendo, ("Let us lead by serving others.")*

Colors: *Old Gold and Black*

CHEER LEADERS

LEFT TO RIGHT: Mary Alice Ryals, *Chief;* Joan Benton, Mildred Warren, Jerre Denning.

SCHOOL YELL

With a B
With an E
With a B-E-N
With a S
With an O
With a S-O-N
That's the way you spell it!
Here's the way you yell it!
Benson! Benson! Benson!

GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

First Row—Left to Right: Myra Lee Benson, Faye Neighbours, Louise Pollard, Alvie Pearl Stewart, Betty Johnson, Ellen Joyce Neighbours, Bonnie Lynn Morgan, Evangelene Neighbours.

Second Row: Rose Marie Dixon, Wilma Coats, Ruth McLamb, Phyllis Duke, *Captain,* Lois Barefoot, Betty Lou Bell.

Standings Mr. Nance, *Coach,* Nowell Smith, *Manager.*

Absent: Louise Stewart.

BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Center—Front: John Dailey Kernodle, *Manager.*

First Row—Left to Right: Jimmie Gibbs, Charles Kay Stephenson, Ransom Raynor, P. B. Johnson, Jr., Billy Barefoot.

Second Row: E. H. Creech, Darrell Moore, Royce Woodall, George Wilkins, Mr. Nance, *Coach;* Larry Stewart, *Captain.*

Absent: Emil Massad, Percy Wilkins.

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Advertising Manager

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Benson - - - North Carolina

Benson Auto Supply Co.

FIRESTONE

Home Auto Supplies

Corner Main and Highway

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Benson - - - North Carolina

Royal Plumbing Company

Complete Plumbing Service

PHONE 392-6

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Benson - - - North Carolina

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Heating and Plumbing

PHONE 231-6

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Banner Motor Company

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